

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 111625
ORIGIN SY-05

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /006 R

DRAFTED BY A/SY/OPS/FO:KMGWYN:DB
APPROVED BY A/SY/OPS/FO - PJHARRICK
A/SY/OPS - VFSTMARS
A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG - JRDONOVAN
-----161524Z 020196 /40
O 161514Z MAY 77 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 111625

SY CHANNEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: RSS CAIRO VISIT
FOR RSO, REQUEST PASS TO RSS GARRETT FROM ST. MARS
1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, A NUMBER OF CAIRO MSG PROBLEMS HAVE
SURFACED IN RECENT MONTHS; ONE LED TO THE RELIEF OF SEVEN
WATCHSTANDERS. FOLLOWING THIS EPISODE, THERE HAVE BEEN CON-
FLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING TWO SUBSEQUENT MSG INCIDENTS.
ONE OCCURRED ON APRIL 8-9, WHEN FIVE INTOXICATED MSGS
BECAME INVOLVED IN A BARROOM BRAWL WITH SOME 10-30 EGYPTIANS.
THE INTERIM NCOIC (HOLLOWAY) SUFFERED THE LOSS OF A FEW
TEETH DURING THE FRACAS AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE RECIPIENTS
OF BRUISES AND TORN CLOTHING. THIS FIASCO WAS REPORTED IN
GENERAL TERMS BY THE RSO APRIL 19. A REQUEST HAS BEEN
INITIATED BY MSG BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FOR ADDITIONAL DE-
TAILS. (HOLLOWAY'S ORDERS TO ASSUME BEIRUT NCOIC ROLE WILL
BE RESCINDED.) ANOTHER POSSIBLE INCIDENT REPORTED BY A
MEMBER OF THE CAIRO-BASED SY PROTECTIVE SECURITY TEAM
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 111625

CLAIMED THAT AN MSG WAS INVOLVED IN FISTICUFFS WITH AN
EGYPTIAN POLICEMAN. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL NAME OF MARINE,
BUT RELATED THAT THIS RUMOR HAD BEEN CIRCULATED WITHIN SY
RANKS.

2. IN A SECURE-VOICE DISCUSSION WITH RSO FLANAGAN, K.M.
GWYN WAS ADVISED THAT THE MSG SITUATION HAS IMPROVED DRAMAT-

ICALLY WITH ARRIVAL OF NCOIC QUINTANA (APPROX. APRIL 26).

FLANAGAN WAS UNAWARE OF ANY OCCURRENCE INVOLVING AN MSG AND POLICEMAN BUT POSTULATED THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF THE APRIL 8-9 FRAY. FLANAGAN IS CONFIDENT THAT IN SPITE OF THESE RECENT SETBACKS, THE MSG PROBLEMS ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. HE CITED A RECENT MEETING INVOLVING THE AMBASSADOR, DCM, ADMIN. COUNSELOR AND HIMSELF IN WHICH THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON POSITIVE COURSES OF ACTION TO CON- TEND WITH PERTINENT MSG ISSUES.

3. BECAUSE OF PREVALENT RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE VALID- ITY OF CAIRO REPORTING, SPECIFICALLY INCONSISTENCIES IN OBSERVATIONS ON THE PART OF SY PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL, MSGS AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE RSO'S OPERATION, REQUEST YOU VISIT CAIRO FOLLOWING TUNIS WITH THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF RESOLVING/CLARIFYING PRESENT SITUATION. CONSIDERING PRESSURES WHICH HAVE BEFALLEN THE AMBASSADOR IN RECENT MONTHS, WE HAVE A PARTICULAR CONCERN THAT HE NOT BECOME UNNECESSARILY BURDENED WITH MSG PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONABLE RSO-MSG RELATIONS.

4. RECOMMEND CAIRO BE ADVISED THAT SINCE YOU ARE TRAVELING IN THE GENERAL AREA LATE MAY, 1-2 DAY CAIRO VISIT APPRO- PRIATE TO REVIEW COM PROTECTION, MSG PROGRAM AND RSO YEAR- END EVALUATION. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: SY
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL CONDUCT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE111625
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: KMGWYN:DB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770552/aaaabsyt.tel
Line Count: 88
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 2951be92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SY
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2503182
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RSS CAIRO VISIT
TAGS: ASEC, EG, MSG
To: ABIDJAN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2951be92-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009